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PRESIDENT CLINTON SELECTS MOLLIE BEATTIE AS DIRECTOR,  
KEN SMITH AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

President Bill Clinton today announced his intention to nominate Mollie Beattie, a veteran state natural resources official from Vermont, to be Director of the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The President also appointed Kenneth Lee Smith, who served as environmental policy advisor to Clinton when he was Governor of Arkansas, to be Deputy Director of FWS.

The appointment of Ms. Beattie, subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate, will make her the first woman to serve as FWS director.

"Mollie Beattie and Kenneth Smith will provide the dynamic and innovative leadership America needs for the endangered species program, for the management of 487 national wildlife refuges, and for the many other responsibilities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," said Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt. "These are individuals with outstanding achievements in the management of natural resources. Together, they provide extraordinary breadth and depth of experience."

Ms. Beattie currently is Executive Director of The Richard A. Snelling Center for Government in Vermont. She was Deputy Secretary for Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources, 1989-90; Commissioner for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, 1985-89, and Program Director and Lands Manager for the non-profit Windham Foundation, 1983-85. She earned a BA from Marymount College, Tarrytown, N.Y., 1968; MS from the University of Vermont, 1979, and MPA from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, 1991.

Smith served as Special Assistant for Natural and Cultural Resources for four years under then-Governor Clinton. He was Chief of Research for the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, 1981-89, and Program Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy in Little Rock, 1978-80. He earned a BS in Biology and Chemistry from Southern Arkansas University, 1974, and an MS in Biology from Arkansas State University, 1977.

FWS has close to 9,000 employees and a proposed 1994 budget of \$1.2 billion. The agency's mission is to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and their habitats.